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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1: 7b).

Before we are through celebrating Thanksgiving we are preparing for Black Friday and couple days following, we begin the observance of the Advent season. The Christian communities during the Advent season focus on "the reason for the season" – Jesus Christ. Advent reminds us that God loves us, interested in our personal struggles, and keeps His promise to save us.

I encourage you to be very prayerful and earnest as we at WHBC observe this Advent season, which begins this Sunday and goes up to the Sunday before Christmas. We will observe Advent with a wreath with 5 candles that represent 1) Hope; 2) Peace; 3) Love; 4) Joy; and 5) Jesus, which will be lit each Sunday.

We praise God for the Incarnation, which is the embodiment of God the Son in human flesh as Jesus

Christ. John puts it this way: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth"* John 1:14. Jesus took on a human body and human nature to experience humanity in all his/her lived-experience, so it became necessary for God to become man that He might be able to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26). The Good News is that, Jesus came to us in human body to share the lived-experience of humanity, and to save us (Luke 17:11-13).

I charge you on one hand to acknowledge that the world is full of pain and suffering, hardships and turmoil, disap-

pointment and regrets, and on the other hand be comforted by the fact that the Gospel is good news for everyone. The Advent message is that the mission of Jesus is Salvation – deliverance, healing of broken hearts, and supplying of needs. The Gospels of Jesus teach that he [Jesus] is the embodiment of hope, joy, peace and love, and there is something special about hope among the people of God. Without hope we have no power to

walk in love; no power to keep going on and not give up; no power to hold fast to the way of righteousness; and no power to hold ourselves to resist some brief unsatisfying pleasure.

This time of the year is hectic and busy with activities for most of us, including work, volunteer projects, church, family, and friends. There is also the pressure to find the perfect gifts for everyone on our ever-expanding lists on a rather limited budget. Rather than spending your time stressing about what is unavailable, unaffordable, and unappreciated,

let this Advent season be for you personally a time of reflection, daily bible reading, and ceaseless praying. Let us allow our observance of the Advent season to prepare us for a joyous celebration of Christmas, the second coming of Jesus, and to remember how Jesus comes to us in our daily lives. Let us join the voices of generations of saints past and present in the refrain,

O come, O come Emmanuel!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor



**December 1st****Communion Sunday**

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
 Scripture: Steve Wenthe
 Offering: Kathy Gosnell
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Ken and Stacy Goff

December 8th

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
 Scripture: Roger Smith
 Offering: Valerie Bandemer
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Volunteer(s)

December 15th

Invocation: Betty Heisig
 Scripture: Mark Heintz, Sr.
 Offering: Betty Heisig
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Volunteer(s)

December 22nd

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
 Scripture: Dan Scurlock
 Offering: Loretta Hirschman
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Advent Luncheon

December 29th

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
 Scripture: Connie Necaster
 Offering: Kathy Gosnell
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Volunteer(s)

Editor: Sharon Scurlock

**The Highest Praise**

By: Evelyn Shoots

Memories we wish to keep
 All stay treasured as we sleep
 Our Prayers embrace the one's we love
 Here on Earth and up above
 Those we may not ever meet
 We pray will reach God's judgement seat

Thankful for those special times
 Meeting when our Chapel chimes
 Together we bring harmony
 Chaired for His Majesty!
 Singing praises gives us cheer
 Anytime throughout the year

The more we praise, our spirits lift
 Giving thanks for every gift!
 To our dear Creator king
 May this be such an offering

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
 8:30 a.m. Sundays

Deacon's Meeting
 10 a.m. ~ Dec. 6

Savers Fund Raiser
 9:30 ~ Dec. 7

Voices on the Hill
 2 p.m. ~ Dec. 8

Advisory Council Meeting
 6 p.m. ~ Dec. 9

Morning Prayer/
 Breakfast/Carol Sing
 9 a.m. ~ Dec. 14

Trustees Meeting
 6 p.m. ~ Dec. 17

LINK articles due to
 Joyce Shutts Dec. 18

Christmas Candlelight
 Service
 7 p.m. ~ Dec. 24



Dec. 5 ~ Isaiah Buskey
 Dec. 6 ~ Nancy Chase
 Dec. 10 ~ Tim VanderMeid
 Dec. 11 ~ Sharon Smith
 Dec. 12 ~ Barbara Miller
 Dec. 12 ~ Joquina Tosciotti
 Dec. 14 ~ Theresa Hirschman
 Dec. 14 ~ Mike Shirley
 Dec. 16 ~ Scott Miller
 Dec. 27 ~ John Miller

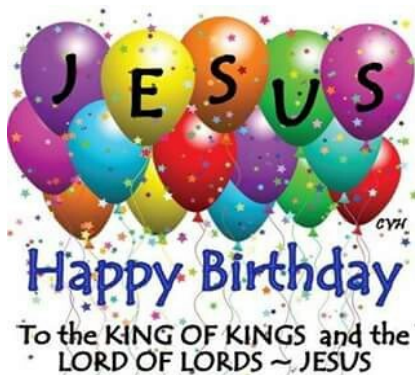


Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you and your families. As we reflect on the year of 2019 at WHBC, we realize that we are Blessed and highly Favored by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a Happy place to be and we are thankful and truly grateful to our Church family for all of your continued support for our mission donations. We are looking forward to our Unity Intercessory Prayer Breakfast on December 14, 2019, followed with breakfast and singing of Christmas carols. We hope you, your family members and friends will join us. We are in the process of collecting our Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) for the rest of the month of November. We will provide more information about the sponsored Christmas family as soon as the information is provided to us. We collected \$137.50 in our October and November Noisy Offerings for the Christmas family. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Floyd, Chairman
Missions Committee

Harvest Home Coalition for Habitat

Fundraising recently netted \$440 from the Uno's Dough Raiser. The Thanksgiving pie sale went well, and we contributed sales of 16 pies. Thank you Mike Shirley for picking up the pies and getting them to their owners. At a meeting, Dec. 1st, it was reported that our current build at 96 Holworthy Street has most of the siding, insulation and electric finished/ready for inspection, and soon the dry wall will be started. They are always looking for more help. The Coalition feels they have adequate funds to do another build in 2020. Again, thank you for all who have helped this worthy mission."



Advent Luncheon

Who: Everyone
When: December 22, 2019
Time: Following Worship
Where: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to pass

Desert and beverage will be provided by the Board of Christian Education



CROP Walk Update:

"For this year's CROP Walk, seven churches participated (St. Peters, Rush United Methodist, Henrietta United Church of Christ, Faith United Methodist, John Calvin Presbyterian and West Henrietta Baptist). We, at WHBC, had six walkers and raised \$1,150 bringing us in third on the list behind HUCC and Rush Methodist. Thank you to everyone who donated or participated. **YOU** made a difference!"



is collecting items to be delivered to Webster on Sat., Dec. 7 at 9:30 AM

Put like items in boxes or bags. For example, blankets in one box, coats in another. Tax receipts are available for your donations.



THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL





Christmas Plants

Plant	Pot Size	Cost
Azaleas:	6"	\$15.60
Christmas Cactus	6"	\$7.10
	8"	\$12.60
Cyclamen	4"	\$4.05
	6"	\$7.55
Poinsettias:	4.5"	\$3.80
Colors: Red, White, Pink and Marble	6.5"	\$7.55
	7.5"	\$11.60
(7.5" has 2 plants)	8"	\$18.40
(8" has 3 plants)	10"	\$25.60
(10" has 4 plants)		

Rush-Henrietta League of Churches Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Henrietta United Church of Christ was the host for Rush-Henrietta League of Churches Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The theme for this year's service was **"United in Gratitude"**. The service consisted of representatives from several Rush Henrietta religious groups. Program participants each expressed thoughts of thanksgiving and gratitude manifested in each of their lives and/or ministries.

The service was well attended. Many attendees expressed their thoughts of inspiration and blessings received from attending the service.

2019 Fall Craft & Vendor Show

Many thanks to Joanne Wilbert and her committee for another successful Craft and Vendor Show! A fun time was had by all and many treasures were found by those who came.

